# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2524
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CONVERSION OF MAHUVA-DHASA IN GUJARAT
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the time by which the conversion of Mahuva-Dhasa rail line in Gujarat from meter gauge to broad gauge is likely to be taken up;

(b) whether the Pipavav Port Authority was involved in this project and to share the expenditure towards the same but the amount has not been paid by the Authority;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Railways is keenly watching Pipavav Line which put lot of inconvenience to the masses; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a): Gauge conversion of Mahuva-Dhasa has already been completed and section commissioned for goods traffic.

(b): Yes, Sir, M/s Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd. (GPPL) which is involved in this project has not paid its full equity.

(c) & (d): The work of gauge conversion of Surendranagar-Pipavav line has been implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle, Pipavav Rail Corporation Ltd. (PRCL) with participation of Ministry of Railways & GPPL. To enable Zonal Railway to complete the balance works, adequate funds have been made available after making necessary adjustments from apportioned earnings of PRCL.